

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	56
Attendance AM	90
Attendance PM	48
Wednesday PM	38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Mary Rutland; Dana Grigsby; Mary Sanders; Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stone Springs); Ron Robbins; Phil Tydings; Jerry and Linda Thomas; Candence Lawson (brother Melson’s niece—Lung disease and LMA); Beverly Daughtery –heart issues (MVH/ICU);

Traveling: Norris & Kelsey Cole, II

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Member Birthdays: October — 2– Virginia Robbins; 5– Rhea Wallace; 6– Kevin Gilbert; 9–Victoria Dudley; 12– Philip Tydings; 13–Norris Cole, II; 14– Patrick Cook; 16– Judy Arnett; 17– Mozella Tate, Nancy Weimer; 26 - Caden Vance

Anniversaries: October— 1– Tom and Mary Vance

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class October 16 @ 6:00 PM Chapter 11 in “Bible A’s for Ladies”

October 19	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Song Leader	Chris Poole	Michael Blanks, Jr.
Lead Lord’s Supper	Tony Moore	Tony Moore
Server 1	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 2	Ryan McGahee	Norris Cole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Frank Brock
Sermon	Richard D. Melson	Richard D. Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

“Pray without ceasing”
1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your “*church*”and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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ENDURING DIFFICULT TIMES BY PRACTICING WHAT WE PREACH

Mike Bumbalough

[In light of what many are facing right now this article is timely, RDM]

Today is a little more difficult for me than others. No, I'm not planning to drown you in self-pity. It's simply a matter of one of those times in life that we all face. I must put into practice principles I've been trying to teach others for a long time. Bad things happen to good people. This is a fact of life. What I'm going through certainly doesn't qualify for anyone's top ten lists of bad events.

My wife and I went to worship this morning as usual. God is FIRST in our lives and today is no exception. This journey was unlike any we had every made. This would be my last Sunday worshipping God as part of the ministerial staff among brethren we love dearly.

The church is not immune to many of the problems that the secular world faces. Mr. Budget Crunch paid a visit to this congregation recently and announced that a staff position would need to be eliminated in order to meet the budget. Today was the day designated, by Mr. Crunch, as the final day of this particular ministry.

Leaving worship and starting the familiar journey to our Bible Class was delayed with hugs, tears, goodbyes and well-wishes. The tears were still being dabbed away during and after class time, spilling over into the parking area.

A door has been closed. This shouldn't surprise too many of us. This is called life. I am familiar enough with some of you to know that you are where you are because you walked away from a closed door only to find another one open.

God's word teaches us that suffering and trials should make His faithful children stronger. The great apostle Paul suffered greatly yet endured to finish the race he had started. The Bible also teaches us that those that endure will ultimately find victory.

Now is the time to practice what I've taught and preached to others so many times. ENDURE, ENDURE, AND ENDURE. Staying focused on the final prize must continue to be my goal. I also want to encourage any of you who may be facing difficult times of all types to stay focused. Endure! Satan thrives on kicking us while we're down. That is why it is so important to get up quickly and not allow him to take advantage of us during our weak moments.

I've learned from the tragedy experienced by a dear friend and gospel preacher, along with his godly wife, to cling to passages such as this one from Paul's letter to the Philippians; "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."(Phil. 4:4-7).

God bless you all as you encourage others to good works. *GB*

BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17

Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

The Bible: Erasing or Enduring ?

Xerox Corporation said it has found a way to create temporary images on paper that would self-erase in 24 hours or less. The special pages could theoretically be used again and again—as many as 50 times.

The idea started three or four years ago when its researchers discovered that 40 percent of printed pages are used for the day, then thrown away. With that in mind, Xerox decided there was clear demand for paper that could be reused, but not recycled, on a daily basis.

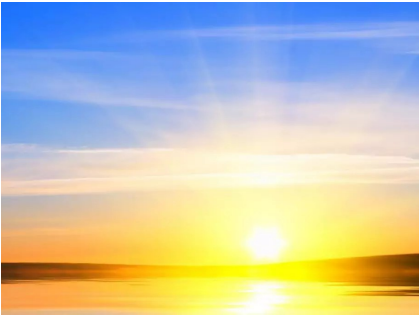
The team designed paper covered with special chemicals. Once the paper goes through the printer, the chemicals are exposed to a light source that causes the text on the paper to gradually fade. It disappears completely in 16 to 24 hours, but can be quickly erased by running it through the printer again.

Though documents are not yet printed on this paper, in reality, all printed material is temporary. However, Christians have a more sure Word. The Word of God has been settled in heaven forever (Psalm 119:89).

The nearness of Jesus depends upon the nearness of His word in our hearts. Our Savior prayed, "Sanctify them by thy truth; thy word is truth"(John 17: 17.) True and lasting happiness is possible only in Christ and to receive our Savior's word is to receive our Savior. One of the most beautiful entreaties in all the Bible was not accepted by the church to whom it was directed. Jesus said to the church at Laodicea, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."(Rev. 3: 20.) Let us open the door of our hearts that Jesus may come in.

One of the darkest passages in the New Testament is found in the sixth chapter of John: "From that time many of the disciples went back, and walked no more with him."However, it serves as an introduction to one of the most inspiring statements in the Bible: Jesus asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?"The reply of Simon Peter will live forever. He said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."In that day, in our day, and in all time to come, Jesus our Savior is the only one who possesses the words of life.

New every morning

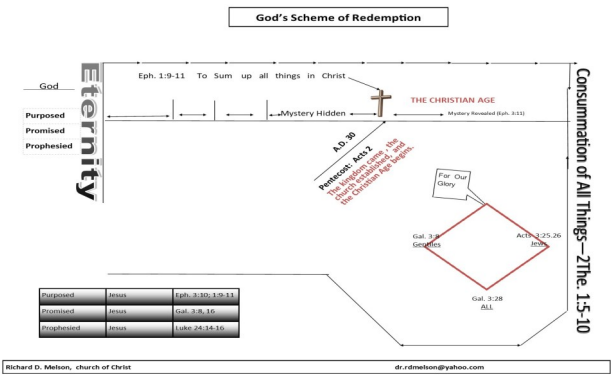


The sun rises every morning, as if it had never gone anywhere. It appears to give you a whole new supply of minutes, ready at your disposal in the new day. But there is another supply of “new”for you “every morning.”Perhaps you know the words of the song, which is based upon Lamentations 3:22-23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.”

God’s supply of love (or lovingkindnesses, NASB) for you never runs out! God’s supply of mercies (or compassions, NKJV/NASB) for you never run out! By the way, note that both of these are plural. It is not just God’s love (singular) or mercy (singular) that is new every morning, but His lovingkindnessES and merciES. No wonder Jeremiah said, “‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘Therefore I hope in Him’”(3:24).

Every morning, God is ready to bless you and bless you and bless you! How firm is your hope in Him? ?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Universal Life Care

The big issue today is so-called universal health care. There is a valid point to be made about having health care. A number of years ago was written entitle “Health Care”; it was the story about a man who was misdiagnosed being told that he was dying of an incurable disease. His name was Wilson. Mr. Wilson’s response to this news was to shut down, quit, give up, become as worldly as he could; he felt that he was dead already, he might as well act the part. He was wrong, he was not suffering from an incurable disease!

Now nearly five years since the initial diagnoses it was discovered that Mr. Wilson did not have the terminal disease. Now that he, in his view, was extended a “second chance”at life he has since married and purchased a house. Today he “feels great”.

But what was different? It was Mike’s view of life. It was Mike’s “attitude”. At the time he believed that he was facing imminent death, he set a course of self-destruction (he was wrong for this). But when he learned he was not the victim of an incurable disease, he set a course of living and fulfillment.

The reality was that happiness and success was always within his reach. Mike simply never looked for them.

Everyone has access to what God supplies (2 Cor. 6:1-2), each person must be willing to believe His word and obey His commands (John 8:31-32).

Don’t allow your epitaph to read: Born 1980 Died 2000 Buried 2025!

Learn to be obedient to the Lord no matter what the conditions while you can! ✍

Working

"Son, go work today in my vineyard." Sons of God are commanded to work. Love ought to constrain us to work in God's vineyard. Today is the time to work. Every child of God can do some work each and every day. It must grieve our Father to see so many of his sons making false pretentions. The harvest field is white, but the laborers are few. If we work in the vine- yard while it is day, we shall be profitable sons and well pleasing to God.

-Joe Avery

- ☞ Potter Children’s Home Coin Can—Pickup week of October 19
- ☞ Potter Children’s Home—Commodity and Christmas gifts will be picked up Saturday Nov. 29th at 1:00 PM
- ☞ Preteens-teens signup for the Lock-In on November 2
- ☞ Ladies Day— “Sisters Needing Sisters”—Nov. 15
- ☞ Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday November 2, because at 2:00 AM Sunday November 3, daylight Savings Time ends. **Fall Back One Hour**
- ☞ Check out the new tract titles in the rack
- ☞ Take a **“Christian Gift Card”** and give it away to someone you meet.



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord’s Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD’S PLAN FOR MAN’S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?”Acts 16:30

- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Heard – John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ◆ Sins Must Be Repented of – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ◆ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ◆ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ◆ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18